

# Offenders Support Victims of Domestic Abuse

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Photo Caption: L to R: Superintendent Wendy Knight, Phil Slavens, Mark Seiver, Asst. Superintendent of Operations present check to Maria Larrison, Director of Sheltering Wings

Plainfield, Indiana - (March 26, 2007) - Today, Plainfield Correctional Facility Superintendent Wendy Knight presented a check in the amount of \$1,270 to Maria Larrison, Director of Sheltering Wings in Hendricks County.

The donation was a result of a facility-wide fundraiser. Over 1,100 lunches from Church's Chicken were sold to offenders and the profits were divided equally between the local charity and the facility's Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS), a faith and character-based program.

"The program has been extremely successful, said Facility Superintendent Wendy Knight. "A local eatery makes a profit, the offender population gets home-style cooking, and a deserving local charity gets a much needed donation."

"The Department is committed to being a positive force and a valuable asset to the local community," said Commissioner J. David Donahue. "It's great when offenders find creative ways to give back to the community. It's an added plus knowing that the PLUS program has helped foster acts of good service."

In 2006, the Plainfield Correctional Facility was presented with the "Treating People Better" award for their community involvement in Hendricks County.

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